

APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES LETTERS PATENT

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HOLLOW STEPPED SHAFT AND METHOD OF FORMING THE SAME

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JAPAN	2003-279168	24/07/2003	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no _____
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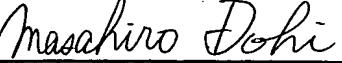
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